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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the subject application.

Listing of Claims:

1-33. (cancelled)

34. (currently amended) A plug connection, comprising:

a first plug having a partition seal;

a second plug configured for fitting in an opening in a partition wall, the second plug being mateable with the first plug such that the seal substantially surrounds the opening in the partition wall when the first and second plugs are mated; and

a clamping device provided on the first plug that is configured for drawing the first plug into engagement with the second plug, the clamping device engaging with the second plug at a connection region, the connection region being provided with a <u>bearing</u> sealing member <u>arranged in the connection region and configured to seal the connection region between the clamping device and the second plug.</u>

- 35. (withdrawn) The plug connection of claim 34, wherein the clamping device is a rotatable locking lever, the locking lever having a bearing projection with an actuating element that engages with engagement element on the second plug to draw the first plug into engagement with the second plug when the locking lever is rotated.
- 36. (withdrawn) The plug connection of claim 35, wherein the sealing member is provided on the bearing projection.

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- 37. (withdrawn) The plug connection of claim 35, wherein the locking lever pivots about an axis of rotation that extends substantially transversely to a direction of engagement of the first and second plugs.
- 38. (withdrawn) The plug connection of claim 35, wherein the actuating element has at least one tooth with an involute tooth face that engages with a rack of the engagement element.
- 39. (currently amended) The plug connection of claim 34, wherein the clamping device is a sliding device including at least one guide rail that engages with a <u>pin-like</u> projection formed on the second plug.
- 40. (currently amended) The plug connection of claim 39, wherein the projection extends through an opening in the sliding device into engagement with the guide rail, an outer periphery of the opening being provided with the a passageway sealing member.
- 41. (previously presented) The plug connection of claim 39, wherein the clamping device is slideable in a direction substantially transverse to a direction of engagement of the first and second plugs.
- 42. (currently amended) The plug connection of claim 34, wherein the second plug is provided with a sealing projection configured for engagement with the a passageway sealing member.
- 43. (withdrawn) The plug connection of claim 34, wherein the sealing member is integrally formed with the seal.
- 44. (withdrawn) The plug connection of claim 43, wherein the sealing member is connected to the seal via a web.
- 45. (currently amended) The plug connection of claim 34, wherein the <u>bearing</u> sealing member is an O-ring.

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- 46. (currently amended) The plug connection of claim 34, wherein the <u>bearing</u> sealing member is a spray-on seal.
- 47. (withdrawn) The plug connection of claim 34, further comprising a securing device for locking the clamping device in a final position where the first plug and the second plug are fully drawn together.
- 48. (previously presented) The plug connection of claim 34, wherein the second plug includes a resilient catch arm configured for engagement with the opening.
- 49. (previously presented) The plug connection of claim 48, wherein the second plug includes a locking device moveable to a locked position for preventing movement of the resilient catch arm when the resilient catch arm is engaged with the opening.
- 50. (previously presented) The plug connection of claim 49, wherein the locking device is mounted on the second plug by a hinge-like connection.
- 51. (previously presented) The plug connection of claim 49, wherein the locking device prevents engagement of the first and second plugs when the locking device is not in the locked position.

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